(a) whether there has been a long pending demand to ensure stoppage of Delhi-Jaipur bound trains and Delhi departing trains at Gandhi Nagar and stoppage of trains on Mumbai-Sawai Madhopur at Durgapura to ease the traffic at Jaipur Junction; and

(b) if so, the time by when this system would be in practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Stoppage of additional trains including Delhi-Jaipur bound trains at Gandhi Nagar (Jaipur) and additional trains at Durgapura has been examined but it has not been found commercially justified and operationally feasible at present.

Tardy progress on Una to Amb-Andora railway line

256. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the tardy speed of work on Una to Amb-Andora railway line;

(b) if so, the reasons for the tardy speed;

(c) the time stipulated for completion of the work;

(d) whether Government has made any additional arrangements to speed up the work on the said railway line;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by when this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (f) Una-Chuararu Takrala rail link has already been completed and opened to traffic. Work on Chuararu Takrala-Amb Andaura portion also is nearing completion and targeted for completion by December 2009. Una-Amb Andaura is a part of Nangal Dam -Talwara new line project and is being progressed as per the availability of resources. The target for completion of the entire project is not yet fixed.

Trains from Delhi to Kerala

257. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hazrat Nizamuddin-Trivandrum-Swarana Jayanti Express (Weekly) and Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Millennium Express (Weekly) would be clubbed and start the service daily;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether, keeping in view the convenience of passengers, the above trains would be rescheduled to depart in the evening/at night;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would consider starting a train to Kerala from New Delhi which departs at night; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal for clubbing of Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Millennium Express (Weekly) and Hazrat Nizamuddin-Trivandrum- Swarana Jayanti Express (Weekly) and running them as daily service due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) and (d) Due to operational constraints, at present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

(e) and (f) Introduction of 2283/2284 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Doranto Express (weekly) has been announced in the Railway Budget 2009-10. 2284 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Ernakulam Doranto Express (weekly) has been scheduled to leave Nizamuddin at 2135 hours on Saturdays.

Dedicated freight corridors

258. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have started work on dedicated freight corridors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized for the said corridors during last three years; year-wise;

(d) the details of works so far undertaken under the said project; and

(e) the time by when the said project would be completed and started for movement of freight?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Contract has been awarded for the construction on Design-Build basis for design and construction from New Karwandia to New Ganj Khwaja (105 Kilometers) of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor and for 54 major and important bridges between Vaitarna and Utran of Western Corridor.

(c) The details of funds transferred to Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) by Ministry of Railways along with year-wise expenditure during the last three years is as under: